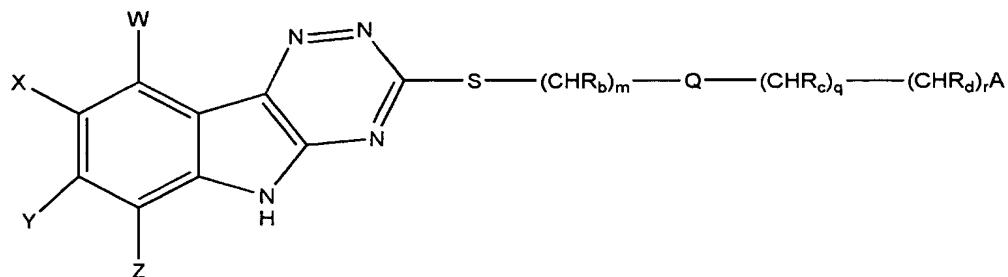


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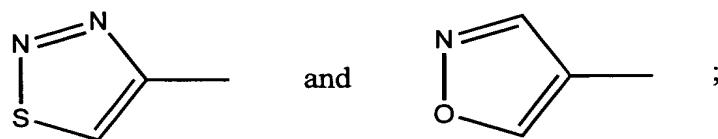
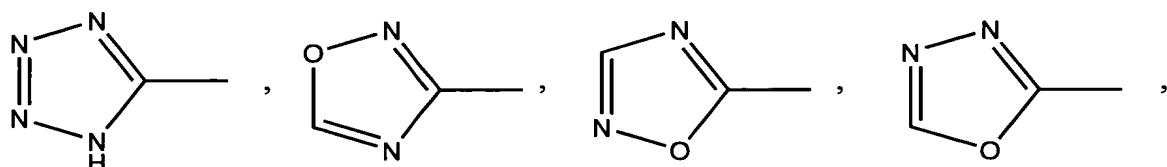
Please cancel claims 1-8.

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) A compound having the formula:



wherein A represents a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, Q represents a linking moiety selected from the group consisting of -S-, -(SO)-, -(SO₂)- or a valence bond; R_b, R_c and R_d independently represent H, alkyl (C₁-C₄), substituted or unsubstituted phenyl or COOR, R being hydrogen or alkyl (C₁-C₆); m is an integer from 0 to 6; and q and r are independently integers from 0 to 4; said phenyl substituents and the W, X, Y, and Z substituents being selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl (C₁-C₆), substituted or unsubstituted aryl (C₆-C₁₅), substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl (C₇-C₁₅), halogen, CF₃, CN, O-alkyl (C₁-C₆), acyloxy (C₁-C₆ acyl), S-alkyl (C₁-C₆), SO-alkyl (C₁-C₆), SO₂-alkyl (C₁-C₆), NH₂SO₂, NO₂, NH₂, NHR', NR'R'', alkyl COOR', COOR', alkyl CONR'R'', CONR'R'',



R' and R" being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or alkyl (C₁-C₆), and the isomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of said compound.

10. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 9 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 10 in the form of a solid comprising said compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

12. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 10 in the form of a liquid comprising said compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent.

13. (New) A composition as claimed in claim 10, in dosage unit form comprising per unit about 0.1 to about 50 mg. of said compound.

14. (New) A method of treating mammalian cells in culture that are susceptible to infection by, or infected or contaminated with a pestivirus, said method comprising administering to said cultures an effective amount of a compound according to claim 9.

15. (New) A method for the in vitro treatment of biological material that is susceptible to infection by, or infected or contaminated with a pestivirus, said method comprising treating said material with an effective amount of a compound according to claim 9.